

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 5, 11, 13, 17 and 23. Please amend claims 6 and 18 as follows:

1. (currently cancelled)

2-4. (previously cancelled)

5. (currently cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A communication control apparatus for controlling a data terminal with a data communication module for performing a data communication with another data terminal, the communication control apparatus comprising:

a detector for detecting an interruption in communication;

a judging module for judging whether to reestablish the interrupted communication; and

a communication controller for reestablishing communication without informing the data communication module of the interruption in communication, when the detector detects an interruption in communication and the judging module determines, based on a cause for the interruption in communication, that communication should be reestablished, wherein

the data communication module performs data communication through a portable terminal which wirelessly communicates with a radio base station,

the diagnosing module determines whether or not the portable terminal is within a wireless zone formed by the radio base station, and

the judging module judges, based on the cause for the interruption in communication and whether or not the portable terminal is within the wireless zone, whether to reestablish the interrupted communication.

7-9. (currently cancelled)

10. (previously amended) A communication control apparatus according to claim 6 further comprising a diagnosing module for diagnosing a condition of a network, wherein the judging module judges, based on the cause for the interruption in communication and the diagnosed condition of the network, whether to reestablish the interrupted communication.

11. (currently cancelled)

12. (previously amended) A communication control apparatus according to claim 6 further comprising an inquiring module for sending an inquiry as to a condition of a network to an external diagnosing module for diagnosing the condition of the network, wherein the judging module judges, based on the cause for the interruption in communication and the condition of the network diagnosed by the external diagnosing module, whether to reestablish the interrupted communication.

13. (currently cancelled)

14-16. (previously cancelled)

17. (currently cancelled)

18. (currently amended) In a data communication device comprising a data communication module, a communication control method comprising the steps of:
detecting a disruption of communication while the communication is in progress by the data communication module;
determining whether the disrupted communication is restorable;
~~when-if~~ the disrupted communication is determined not restorable, reporting the disruption to the data communication module;
~~when-if~~ the disrupted communication is determined restorable, disguising the disruption from the data communication module while attempting to restore the communication; and

reporting the disruption to the data communication module when the attempt to restore the communication fails, wherein the data communication device is communicating wirelessly with a corresponding data communication device.

19. (previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein the data communication device is selected from a group consisting of a portable computer, a server and a facsimile.

20. (previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein attempting to restore the communication comprises monitoring whether the disrupted communication has become restorable and reestablishing the communication after the disrupted communication has become restorable.

21. (previously added) A method according to claim 20, wherein the attempt to restore the communication is determined to fail when the disrupted communication does not become restorable within a certain period of time.

22. (previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein the disrupted communication is determined restorable if the disruption is caused by a traffic congestion in a network.

23. (currently cancelled)

24. (previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein the disrupted communication is determined restorable if the disruption is caused by either the data communication device or the corresponding data communication device, or both, being temporarily out of reach of a radio signal.

25. (previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein disguising the disruption from the data communication module comprises not reporting the disruption to the data communication module.